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SUBJECT: MIKI LIEUTENANT TO VISIT WASHINGTON

1. MIKI LIEUTENANT (AND LDP LOWER HOUSE MEMBER) MISOJI SAKAMOTO PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 10-21, RETURNING VIA HONOLULU. SAKAMOTO'S MAIN PURPOSE IS ATTENDANCE AT IPS CONFERENCE ON KOREA SEPTEMBER 19-20, BUT WHILE IN WASHINGTON HE HOPES TO PURSUE KOREAN ISSUE WITH SEVERAL OTHERS IN AND OUT OF USG.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF WASHINGTON VISIT WITH EMBOFF, SAKAMOTO INDICATED HE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S HELP WITH APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS AT STATE, DOD, NSC, ON THE HILL, AND WITH OTHERS INTERESTED IN KOREA. WE SUGGEST THAT AT STATE HE MIGHT MEET WITH HOLBROOKE OR GLEYSTEN, ERICKSON (PM), AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EA/J AND EA/K; AT DOD WITH ISA AND JCS REPS; AT NSC WITH ARMACOST; AT BROOKINGS WITH CLOUGH; AT WASHINGTON POST WITH OBERDORFER; AND AT NEW YORK TIMES WITH HALLORAN. SAKAMOTO HAS ALSO SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO MEET WITH

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SENATORS GLENN, CHURCH AND MATSUNAGA (A MIKI FRIEND). HE WOULD ALSO LIKE PRE-IPS CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES ZABLOCKI, WOLFF AND FRASER.

3. COMMENT. A LONG-TIME MIKI CONFIDANT, SAKAMOTO (54) IS PERSONABLE, INTELLIGENT AND OF DIET MEMBERS AMONG MOST INTERESTED AND MOST INFORMED ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HHE

HAS BEEN HEAD OF LDP'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIVISION AND DIRECTOR OF LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. HE IS LIKELY TO PLAY IMPORTANT FOREIGN AFFAIRS ROLE IN FUTURE. OVER YEARS, HE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO EMBOFFS, PARTICULARLY DURING MIKI ADMINISTRATION WHEN HE PUSHED MIKI INTERESTS ION MANY FRONTS.

4. SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF POLITICAL OFFICERS HAVE ENCOURAGED SAKAMOTO TO VISIT U.S. AND TOLD HIM OF THEIR INTENTION TO NOMINATE HIM FOR IV LEADER GRANT. NOW, WHEN HE IS FINALLY ABLE TO VISIT U.S., TIME IS TOO SHORT TO GO THROUGH GRANT PROCEDURE. WE HOPE, THEREFORE, SAKAMOTO CAN BE PROVIDED WITH CAFILITATIVE ASSISTANCE (BEING REQUESTED SEPTTEL) IN ARRANGING WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS DURING PRE-CONFERENCE PERIOD. SAKAMOTO IS CLOSE FRIEND OF COLUMBIA PROFESSOR GERALD CURTIS, WHOM SAKAMOTO HOPES WILL INTERPRET FOR HIM DURING HIS WASHINGTON STAY. IF, AS WE SUSPECT, CURTIC IS UNABLE TO DO SO, WE HOPE INTERPRETER MIGHT ALSO BE PROVIDED IN FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FORMAT. (WE PLAN IN ADDITION TO NOMINATE SAKAMOTO FOR LEADER GRANT IN FY 78).

5. WE UNDERSTAND JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED AND, IF DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FACILITATIVES ASSISTANCE, EMBASSY WILL COORDINATE SAKAMOTO'S WASHINGTON SCHEDULE AND PROVIDE INTERPRETER. EVEN IN THIS EVENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE ACTIVE INTEREST IN SAKAMOTO VISIT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE (A) DEPARTMENT'S CONTACTING CURTIS TO SEE IF HE IS WILLING TO INTERPRET, (B) EARLY WORD ON WHETHER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED, AND (C) NAME OF EA/J OFFICER SAKAMOTO MIGHT CONTACT ON ARRIVAL.
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